

Remarks

Claims 1-71 and 92-157 have been previously withdrawn as non-elected species of claims. Independent claim 72 and dependent claims 73-91 are therefore 5 pending in the application.

Claims 72-78, 84, 85 and 89 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102, and being anticipated by Hendrickson, U.S. Patent 4,757,014. Claim 91 stands rejected under 35 USC §§ 102(b) or 103, and being anticipated or obvious in light of Hendrickson.

The Examiner indicated that claims 79-83, 86-88 and 90 are allowable if 10 rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 72 is the base claim for all of these allowable claims, as well as for all other pending claims . The elements of claim 88 have been combined with claim 72, as allowable amended claim 72. Claims 73-91 which depend from base claim 72 are therefore likewise now allowable. Claim 88 has been canceled.

15 Claim 72 recites that each coated region shall have a compound attached to it and there are different types of compounds. This amendment is intended to add only the further limitations to claim 72 (and claims depending on claim 72) of those of claim 88. No further limitations are intended by this amendment.

20 Applicant submits that claims 72-87 and 89-91 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw his rejections to these claims.

Claim 78 is objected to for a spelling error. Claim 78 has been amended to correct the error. Applicant submits that claim 78 is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw his objection to this claim.

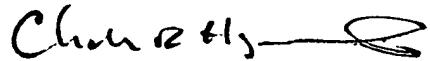
25 Per the Examiner's request Applicant has checked the application for minor errors as requested by the Examiner and found none to correct.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 72-87 and 89-91 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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